

2020 Fall Enrollment

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FALL CENSUS

- ▶ The Fall Census tells us the total number of students at each public institution
- ▶ Later in the year, we collect more detailed information
 - ▶ This lets us identify individuals and follow more nuanced trends

PRELIMINARY NATIONAL PICTURE

- ▶ Preliminary data from National Student Clearinghouse
 - ▶ Data for 22% of U.S. colleges, from 26 different states
 - ▶ **Undergraduates**
 - ▶ Public 4-year enrollments **down 0.4%**
 - ▶ Public 2-year enrollments **down 7.5%**
 - ▶ **Graduate Students**
 - ▶ Public 4-year enrollments **down 4.7%**



COMMUNITY COLLEGE NUMBERS DROP ACROSS U.S.

A Tough Year for Community Colleges

Despite earlier predictions that this might be their year, many are expecting enrollment declines -- some of them devastating. Impact is greatest on minority and low-income students.

By **Scott Jaschik** // August 17, 2020

Some college students didn't show up amid COVID-19, recession – especially at community college

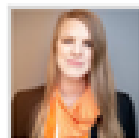
Lindsay Schnell USA TODAY

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Fewer Students Are Going To Community College, Despite High Unemployment

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Community College Enrollments Drop This Fall

Community colleges are seeing a bleak enrollment picture and undergraduate enrollments are down largely across the board, but not by as much as some had feared.

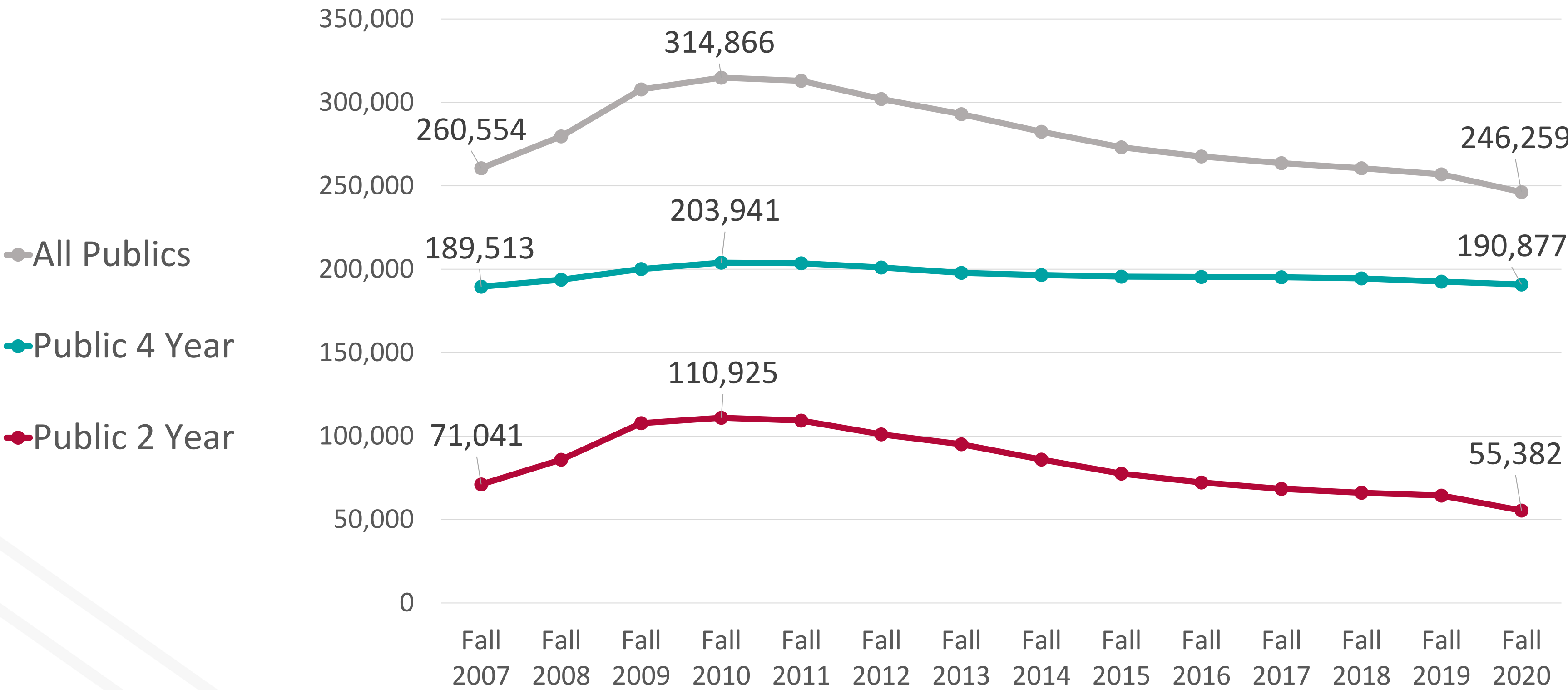
By **Elizabeth Redden** // September 24, 2020

TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT (HEADCOUNT)

- ▶ In Fall 2020...
 - ▶ **246,259 degree-seeking students** (down 4.2%)
 - ▶ 205,494 undergraduates (down 5.1%)
 - ▶ 40,765 graduate students (up 0.7%)
- ▶ By Sector...
 - ▶ **190,877 at 4-year publics** (down 0.9%)
 - ▶ 150,112 undergraduates (down 1.3%)
 - ▶ **55,382 at 2-year publics** (down 13.9%)



LONG-TERM TRENDS

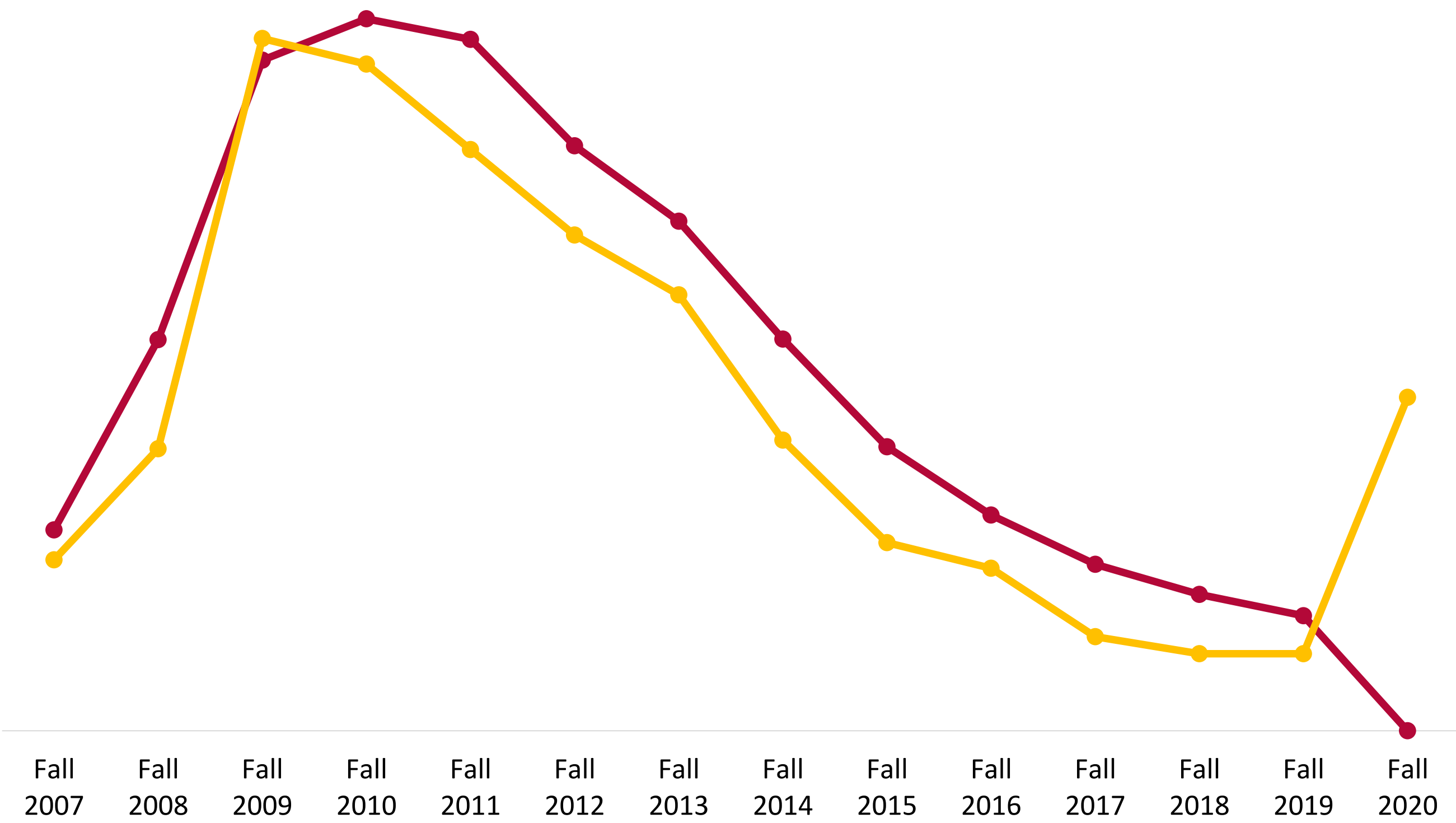


THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE...

IS IT STILL A PREDICTOR OF ENROLLMENT?

● Indiana
Public Two-Year
Enrollment

● Indiana
July
Unemployment
Rate



POSSIBLE FACTORS THAT MAY BE AT PLAY

▶ Student Decision-Making

- ▶ Childcare struggles
- ▶ Health concerns
- ▶ Strained financial situations
- ▶ Unpredictability
 - ▶ Changing job hours, school closures, uncertain federal relief, etc.

▶ Access

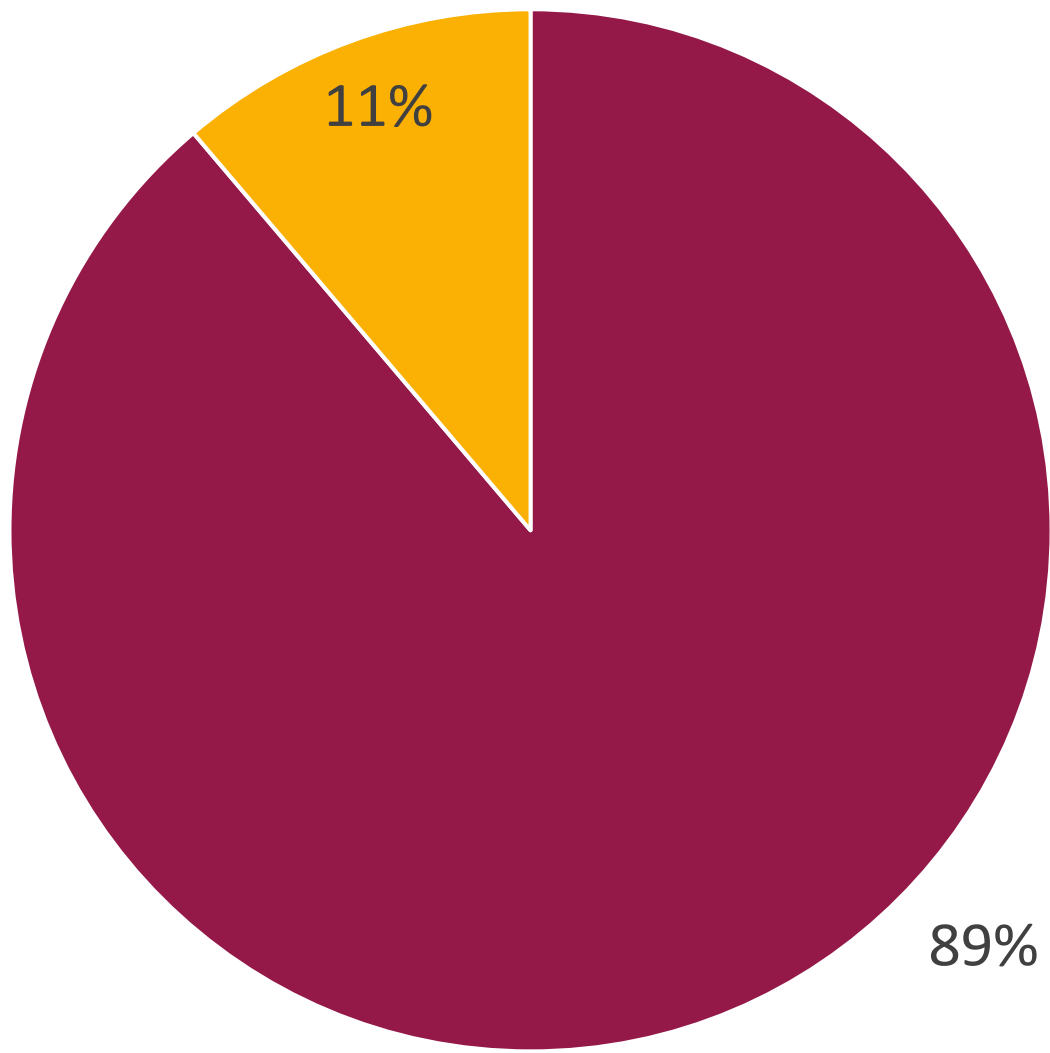
- ▶ Programs unable to effectively go online
- ▶ Lack of adequate internet

▶ Institutional Musical Chairs

- ▶ Institutions competing for smaller pool of students
- ▶ Students often prefer institutions physically close to home – is that still true for remote learning?

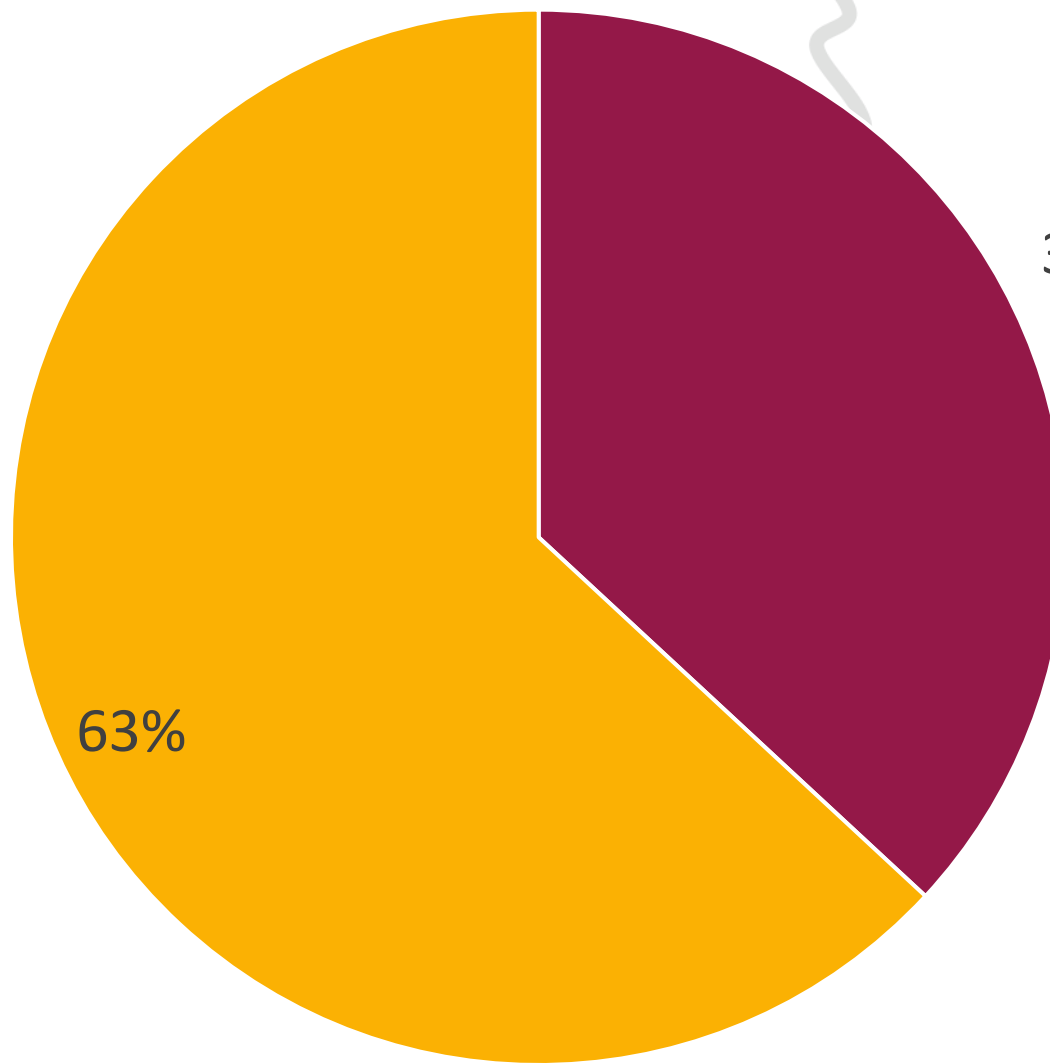
FALL ENROLLMENT BY FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS

4 Year Institution Undergraduate Enrollment



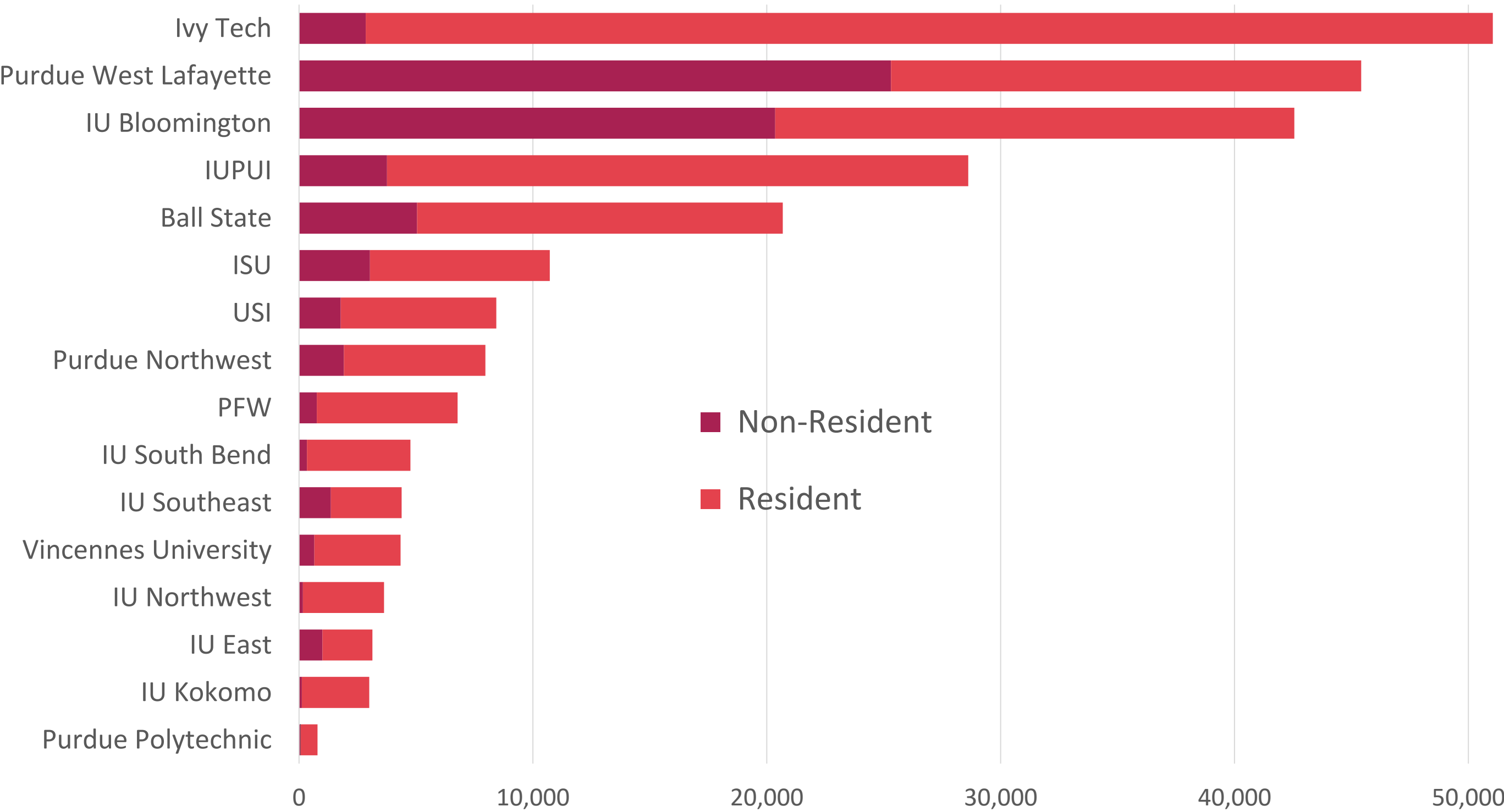
■ Full Time ■ Part Time

2 Year Institution Undergraduate Enrollment



■ Full Time ■ Part Time

DEGREE-SEEKING ENROLLMENT BY INSTITUTION



Total Fall Enrollment by System/Campus	
IU System	90,090
PU System	60,946
Ivy Tech	51,043
BSU	20,686
ISU	10,719
USI	8,436
VU	4,339

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